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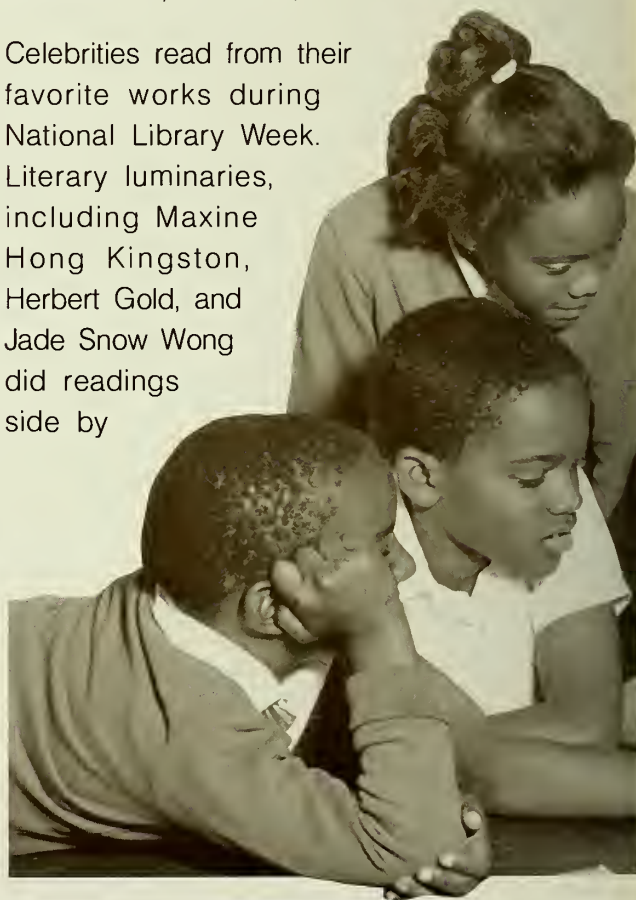
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The award winning Book Buddies program celebrated its fifth anniversary, continuing to serve thousands of hospitalized children. Other children's programs included major celebrations for Black History Month, Lunar New Year, and the second Ezra Jack Keats Black Storytelling Festival. In all, 2916 programs were offered to 78,128 children.

Celebrities read from their favorite works during National Library Week. Literary luminaries, including Maxine Hong Kingston, Herbert Gold, and Jade Snow Wong did readings side by





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*San Francisco Public Library*

Government Information Center  
San Francisco Public Library  
100 Larkin Street, 5th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**REFERENCE BOOK**

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**FEW WORDS FROM OUR PATRONS**

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## **STATISTICS 1990/91**

Book Collections	2,008,619
Documents	2,241,336
Circulation	3,360,696
In Library Use	2,831,239
Total Materials Use	6,191,935
Per Capita Materials Use	8.55
Registered Borrowers	423,044
Library Visits	3,315,495
Reference Questions	776,001
Other Questions	1,681,714
Program Attendance	123,555
Staff, Permanent FTE	372

## **BUDGET 1990/91**

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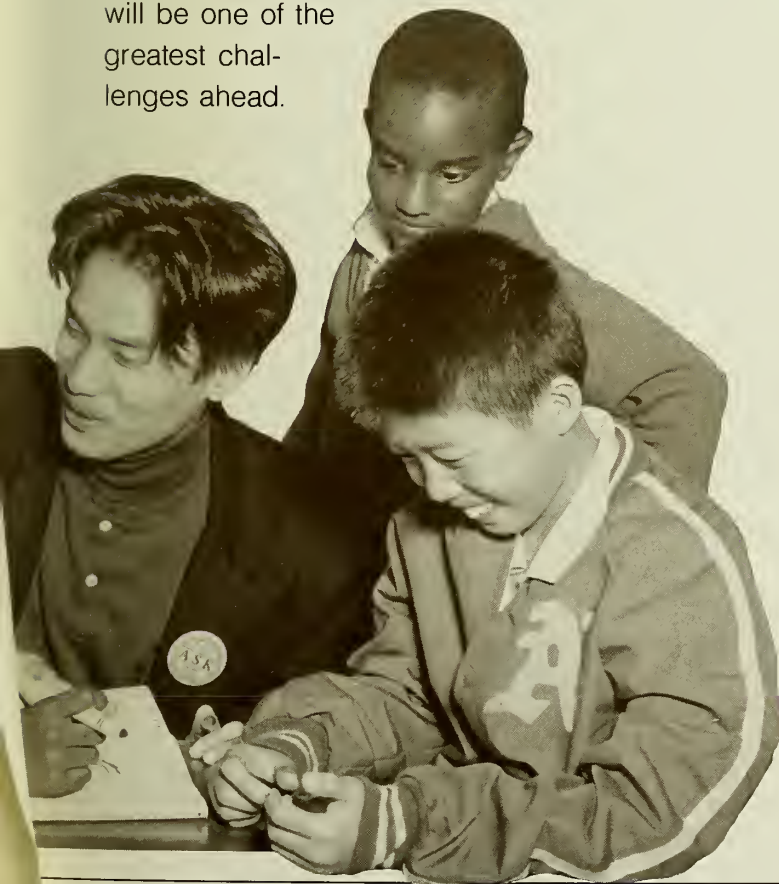




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Development of cost reduction strategies and budget retrenchment emerged as ongoing concerns throughout the year. Library Commissioners and staff held three series of public meetings during the year to work with the public on strategies to reduce costs and set priorities, both for the present year, and for the upcoming fiscal year. Maximizing public services through effective planning in a time of budgetary constraints will be one of the greatest challenges ahead.



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## MAIN LIBRARY

<b>Main Library</b>	
Civic Center 94102	(415) 557-4400
<b>Art, Music, Recreation</b>	557-4525
<b>Borrower Registration &amp; Materials Return</b>	557-4363
<b>Business, Science &amp; Documents</b>	557-4488
<b>Children's Department</b>	557-4554
<b>Friends of the Library</b>	557-4257
<b>Humanities</b>	557-4545
<b>Information Services</b>	557-4400
<b>Newspaper Room</b>	557-4440
<b>Project Read</b>	557-4388
<b>Special Collections</b>	557-4560
<b>Services for the Deaf &amp; Hearing Impaired</b>	557-4434
<b>TTD for the deaf</b>	557-4433
<b>Video</b>	557-4400
<b>Community Relations</b>	557-4277

## BRANCHES AND

## READING CENTERS

<b>Anza</b>	
550 37th Avenue 94121	666-7160
<b>Bayview - Anna E. Waden</b>	
5075 3rd Street 94124	468-1323
<b>Bernal Heights</b>	
500 Cortland Avenue 94110	695-5160
<b>Chinatown</b>	
1135 Powell Street 94108	274-0275
<b>Eureka Valley - Harvey Milk Memorial</b>	
3555 16th Street 94114	554-9445
<b>Excelsior</b>	
4400 Mission Street 94112	337-4735
<b>Glen Park</b>	
653 Chenery Street 94131	337-4740
<b>Golden Gate Valley</b>	
1801 Green Street 94123	292-2195
<b>Ingleside</b>	
387 Ashton Avenue 94112	337-4745
<b>Library for the Blind</b>	
3150 Sacramento Street 94115	292-2022
<b>Marina</b>	
1890 Chestnut Street 94123	292-2150
<b>Merced</b>	
155 Winston Drive 94132	337-4780
<b>Mission</b>	
3359 24th Street 94110	695-5090
<b>Noe Valley</b>	
451 Jersey Street 94114	695-5095
<b>North Beach</b>	
2000 Mason Street 94133	274-0270

<b>Ocean View</b>	
111 Broad Street 94112	337-4785
<b>Ortega</b>	
3223 Ortega Street 94122	753-7120
<b>Park</b>	
1833 Page Street 94117	666-7155
<b>Parkside</b>	
1200 Taraval Street 94116	753-7125
<b>Portola</b>	
2434 San Bruno Avenue 94134	468-2232
<b>Potrero</b>	
1616 20th Street 94107	285-3022
<b>Presidio</b>	
3150 Sacramento Street 94115	292-2155
<b>Richmond</b>	
351 9th Avenue 94118	666-7165
<b>Sunset</b>	
1305 18th Avenue 94122	753-7130
<b>Visitacion Valley</b>	
45 Leland Avenue 94134	337-4790
<b>West Portal</b>	
190 Lenox Way 94127	753-7135
<b>Western Addition</b>	
1550 Scott Street 94115	292-2160

• Check with your library for current hours

## ADMINISTRATION

<b>Kenneth E. Dowlin</b>	City Librarian
<b>Karen Cox</b>	Assistant City Librarian
<b>Elizabeth Hope Hayes</b>	Chief of Main Library
<b>Nancy Musser</b>	Chief of Technical Services
<b>Kathryn Page</b>	Chief of Facilities Development
<b>Neel Parikh</b>	Chief of Branches
<b>George E. McBride</b>	Coordinator, Automation Services
<b>Anne Kincaid</b>	Coordinator, Adult Services
<b>Grace Ruth</b>	Acting Coordinator, Children's Services
<b>Richard P. Walsh</b>	Secretary, Library Commission
<b>John Maguire</b>	Personnel Program Manager
<b>Marcia Schneider</b>	Community Relations Librarian

## LIBRARY

## COMMISSION

<b>Steven A. Coulter</b>	President
<b>Jean Kalil</b>	First Vice President
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<b>Lonnie K. Chin</b>	
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